THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION NO. 13706 & 15563 OF 1994

Date: 01.12.2006

Between:

B. Ravi Kumar.

…. Petitioner

and

The A.P.S.E.B. rep., by its Member Secreary, Khairatabad, Hyderabad.

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Respondent.

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COMMON ORDER:

W.P. No. 13706 and W.P. No. 15563 of 1994 have been filed questioning the notifications issued by the erstwhile A.P. State Electricity Board inviting applications for appointment to the post of Assistant Engineers (Electrical) in the year 1994. The sole petitioner in W.P. No. 13706 of 1994 would seek a direction to declare the action of the respondents in appointing persons, who had not acquired degree qualifications by 04.07.1994, as arbitrary and illegal and for a consequential direction to consider the cases of persons, who were fully qualified for appointment as Assistant Engineers (Electrical). The three petitioners in W.P. No. 15563 of 1994 question the action of the respondent board in not giving three months time to the candidates, who had applied for the post of Assistant Engineers (Electrical) in pursuance of the second notification dated 23.03 1994.

On the representation of the learned Standing Counsel that the cause in the writ petition does not survive adjudication and has become infructuous, the matter was posted today for "Judgment". Today, despite both the cases being listed under the caption "for judgment" the counsel for the petitioners is not present.

Sri Samineni Kishore, learned standing counsel for the respondents would submit that, while initially *status quo* was

passed by this Court, subsequently, by order dated 06.10.1994, the interim orders were vacated, pursuant to which selections were finalized pursuant to the impugned notifications and 35 Assistant Engineers (Electrical) were appointed in the respondent Board in the year 1994 itself. None of the selected candidates are arrayed as respondents in the writ petition. Since more than 12 years have elapsed since then, I see no reason to now examine the validity of the notification, more so since the candidates, who were selected pursuant to the notification, are not before this Court.

Both the writ petitions are accordingly dismissed. However, in the circumstances, without costs.

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Date: 01.12.2006 RAMESH RANGANATHAN, J

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